BILLY THE KID."

A Singularly Handsome Youth With Blue Eyes Who Was a Murderer by Nature.

Devoid of Mercy, His Highest Ambition the Leadership of a Gang of Outlaws.

Killin People Simply to Appease His Appetite for Blood-How Pat Garrett Became a Lion.

Sinta Fe, N. M., special: Of all the characters in the great Southwest, the most unique and interesting, at a distance, was "Billy the Kid." Where he came from no one know, where he went to after Sheriff Pat Garrett's lucky shot put his life out no one cared. He was the product of a hundred years, and the people in this section of the country hope it will be a full century ere his like is seen again.

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who ranged the vast plains of New Mexico, and yet nothing practically was ever known about him before he came to this territory. It is said that he was once employed at the Palmer House, in Chicago, as a waiter or bell boy, where he frightened a guest into fits who had ventured to remonstrate with his style of doing things.

The memory of "Billy the Kid" will never be effaced in New Mexico. He was the embodiment of malignant cruelty, the despoiler of homes, a murderer by nature and a foe to law, order and society. At the same time the possessor of these traits was a singularly handsome youth—he was but twenty three years of age when he was killed eight years ago—with an open pleasing countenance and mild blue eyes. His hair was as soft as a girl's, his form slight and well knit and his voice agreeable. But one feature suggested the animal, and that was his mouth. His lips never closed over as beautiful white teeth as were ever seen in a human head, and when he was angry this characteristic gave him a tigerish expression.

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Few men have lived who were entirely devoid of mercy. "The Kid" was one of them. He had no love of home or of human kind. He deliberately chose to be an outlaw and held the friendship of men as lighter than the pressure of his finger upon the trigger of his Winchester. It was his ambition to become the leader of a band of outlaws, and this ambition was attained. He ravaged sections of this territory and for years escaped arrest. When at last he was apprehended the authorities were astounded to see a beautiful youth in the person of a fiend upon whose head so heavy a price had been set. In jail his ferocity asserted itself. By means of a well laid plot two of his men succeeded in gaining entrance to the place where their leader was confined. A revolver was given him and the three marched out to freedom. But "The Kid's" appetite for blood needs be appeased; he was thirsty for revenge as well, and on his way out he shot and killed both of the guards. His aim was unerring, and he rarely shot twice at a man, except in a spirit of wantonness, for the first bullet usually did deadly work.

The famous Lincoln county war was "The Kid's" opportunity, and he did not fail to profit by it. This was a feud of the most deadly description, and when "The Kid" concluded to take a hand in it blood flowed in good earnest. It did not matter so much to this young outlaw as to who was killed just so it was someone. He had no friends he desired to protect. How many men he killed with his own hand none of our historians will pretend to say. The number doesn't matter particularly. They were killed in all sorts of ways. Some were shot in fights, others were slaughtered in cattle stealing raids, and yet others were wantonly murdered, with no sort of provocation whatever to justify them, even in a country and at a time when men kill each other for a cross word.

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On a horse, dressed in Mexican garb, with trousers richly embroidered and coat of richest material, "The Kid" was the idol of the girls and the envy of the men. Beneath his wide-brimmed sombrero his handsome face, fringed with curling hair, was a pleasant sight to see. A fearless horseman, he was at home on his animal and never seemed to know fatigue. He would cover any number of miles for the privilege of killing an enemy, and once he made up his mind to kill a man that man's life was worthless unless he chose to save it by leaving the country.

"The Kid's" safety lay in the immensity of the region. His rendezvous was so well guarded that no stranger could get within a mile of it without being seen by some member of the band. If the young leader felt inclined the intruder was warned away; if not so mercifully disposed the stranger was killed from ambush.

This style of doing business, however, became monotonous, and it was determined to rid the territory of this youthful desperado and his followers. Prices were put upon the heads of "The Kid" and his gang and the war of extermination began in earnest. When a man was strongly suspected of being a follower of "The Kid" he was given an opportunity to prove an alibi. If he failed to do so he was shot or hanged on the spot. Those who were known to be members of the gang were shot on sight, like mad dogs, with no ceremony or formality whatever. It was not long, under this condition of things, until "The Kid" was without a following, and then the search for him began.

Men of every sort and condition joined in the hunt, and nearly every pursuer had a grievance. There was not a crime in the catalogue of which "The Kid" was not guilty. The relatives of some of those who were after him had been the victims of his revolver; others had female relatives who had been led astray or forcibly carried off; some had lost cattle and others property of various kinds; many were actuated by a desire to get the reward and achieve the notoriety of having slain the most remarkable crim

Then a strange fancy seized him. A half-breed ranchman had a beautiful daughter, of whom "The Kid" was very fond, and so sure were the authorities that the fugitive would, sooner or later, round up there, that they made an arrangement with the ranchman, who hated "The Kid" cordially. He was to give notice when the outlaw arrived and his reward was to be great. True to his agreement he notified Sheriff Garrett that "The Kid" was at his

ranch, and the intrepid officer made preparations to kill the man he had so long sought. It was not a question of capture, for the outlaw had sworn he would never

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The day of his death "The Kid" was strangely uneasy. He felt something was to ha; pen, and two or three times gave his host notice that he would kill him, for he feit he had betrayed him. The old ranchman was freightened almost to death, but swore he had given no notice to the authorities. Garret had arrived the night before and was concealed in a room waiting for a favorable opportunity. "The Kid" inspected every room in the house until he came to this one. He opened the door, a revolv r in one hand and a knife in the other, and as he crossed the threshold asked in Spanish, "Who's there?" The reply was a pistol shot and "The Kid" fell dead.

Garrett was liberally rewarded and has been the lion of the territory ever since.

A MANIA FOR MARRYING.

Remarkable Matrimonial Record of Pennsylvania Youth.

Minersville, Pa., special: Seven wives and six sheriffs are trying to get trace of George A. Hummel, of this village, who for six years has been engaged chiefly in marrying new wives in various parts of the country and eluding sfficers of the law

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gramme has been discovered. Hummel is not yet 26 years of age. He began his matrimonial career in Minersville in 1883. In that year he succeeded in infatuating the 16 year-old daughter of one of the richest citizens of the village. The girl's father discovered that his daughter was about to elope with the smooth-tongued deceiver, and surprised the couple as the girl was climbing down a ladder from her chamber window to meet her lover, who stood on the ground below. The father seized his daughter and sent a pistoi ball at her would-be abductor, wounding him, but not seriously enough to prevent him from escaping. Hummel fled the town, and his whereabouts were unknown for nearly a year, when he gramme has been discovered. Hummel

were unknown for nearly a year, when he was heard from as flying from the village of Swedesboro, N. J., where he had married Miss Mary Crawford, a young woman of good family, from whom he obtained several hundred dollars. Before marrying Miss Crawford he had captivated a young school teacher of Philadelphia and married her. She intrusted to him her savings. Hummel was courting this young lady and Miss Crawford at the same time, and there were only three weeks between his two weddings.

He was next heard of a few months later from Wallace, Kan., where he had married a Miss Gussie Borsh under the name of G. Augustus Hummel. This third victim was head book-keeper and cashier in a dry goods store, and she not only gave up her place to marry Hummel, but let him have a considerable sum of money she had saved. Hummel's record was not long in reaching Kansas, and he fled from that state before necessary papers could be taken out to apprehend and detain him. From Kansas he went to Louisiana, taking up his quarters at Delane, where, two months after his arrival, he married a respectable girl named Kate Reinhart. He remained in Delane nearly a year before he was traced, and in some way learning that officers were on his track he fled from the place, leaving his fourth victim penniless and ill in bed, with a week-old baby.

The next scene of Hummel's operations was New Orleans where, passing by the name of George Albert, he married again. He had been married this time but three days, as was afterwards learned, when he deserted his victim, robbing her of \$75, all the money she had, she being a clerk in a stationery store. He escaped notice this time for over a year. when it was learned that he had gone from New Orleans to Memphis where he had made his sixth matrimonial venture, his victim being the daughter of a wealthy preacher, whom he had deserted after a short time, taking with him all the money he could wheedle out of her.

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